

Table 7: Comparison between principal and selected variant components of population change, Scottish areas, 2016 to 2026

Area	Code	Base population mid-2016	High migration variant			Principal projection			Low migration variant			Zero outwith Scotland migration		
			Natural change	Net migration	Population at mid-2026	Natural change	Net migration	Population at mid-2026	Natural change	Net migration	Population at mid-2026	Natural change	Net migration	Population at mid-2026
Scotland	S92000003	5,404,700	770	263,662	5,669,132	-8,443	182,565	5,578,822	-17,661	101,499	5,488,538	-30,209	0	5,374,491
Council areas														
Aberdeen City	S12000033	229,840	5,223	9,707	245,038	4,518	2,571	237,169	3,806	-4,623	229,172	2,616	-14,085	218,514
Aberdeenshire	S12000034	262,190	4,191	18,112	284,626	3,819	14,665	280,779	3,456	11,115	276,845	2,561	8,807	273,674
Angus	S12000041	116,520	-2,440	5,827	119,727	-2,569	4,777	118,570	-2,678	3,778	117,467	-2,912	3,388	116,816
Argyll and Bute	S12000035	87,130	-3,952	2,482	85,508	-4,072	1,248	84,170	-4,212	143	82,961	-4,381	-2,305	80,312
City of Edinburgh	S12000036	507,170	14,691	43,267	565,161	12,780	26,538	546,444	10,871	9,998	527,924	8,435	-15,894	499,582
Clackmannanshire	S12000005	51,350	-53	696	51,917	-110	318	51,493	-163	-168	50,988	-249	-710	50,354
Dumfries and Galloway	S12000006	149,520	-6,212	5,468	148,739	-6,324	4,059	147,234	-6,456	2,666	145,718	-6,613	-1,329	141,556
Dundee City	S12000042	148,270	536	3,742	152,548	181	915	149,314	-169	-1,987	146,091	-225	-4,130	143,791
East Ayrshire	S12000008	122,200	-1,351	1,911	122,806	-1,416	1,154	122,017	-1,502	447	121,227	-1,532	494	121,211
East Dunbartonshire	S12000045	107,540	-1,216	7,548	113,592	-1,314	6,655	112,640	-1,397	5,853	111,778	-1,342	6,332	112,254
East Lothian	S12000010	104,090	534	9,739	114,278	375	8,637	113,048	229	7,437	111,702	19	5,560	109,590
East Renfrewshire	S12000011	93,810	90	8,243	101,797	13	7,429	100,958	-48	6,570	100,066	57	7,147	100,736
Falkirk	S12000014	159,380	7	8,298	167,886	-127	6,986	166,397	-291	5,703	164,961	-484	4,135	163,201
Fife	S12000015	370,330	-1,585	14,085	382,737	-2,168	9,433	377,512	-2,692	4,856	372,419	-2,745	163	367,674
Glasgow City	S12000046	615,070	14,224	26,632	656,651	12,312	11,666	639,657	10,394	-3,353	622,645	6,527	-26,266	596,042
Highland	S12000017	234,770	-2,591	9,705	241,851	-2,910	6,981	238,779	-3,212	4,151	235,625	-3,968	-2,243	228,499
Inverclyde	S12000018	79,160	-2,662	357	76,657	-2,667	-141	76,172	-2,700	-598	75,711	-2,800	-1,497	74,708
Midlothian	S12000019	88,610	2,330	10,547	101,370	2,215	9,672	100,410	2,089	8,841	99,481	1,970	8,099	98,614
Moray	S12000020	96,070	-938	6,520	101,496	-1,048	5,352	100,251	-1,185	4,217	99,005	-1,422	1,551	96,078
Na h-Eileanan Siar	S12000013	26,900	-1,291	361	25,865	-1,303	121	25,616	-1,320	-94	25,398	-1,362	-670	24,783
North Ayrshire	S12000021	135,890	-3,854	1,943	134,023	-3,949	1,029	133,023	-4,027	50	131,986	-3,947	-492	131,517
North Lanarkshire	S12000044	339,390	-661	6,248	345,488	-939	3,863	342,811	-1,214	1,293	339,934	-1,297	1,255	339,953
Orkney Islands	S12000023	21,850	-399	808	22,148	-409	617	21,953	-410	480	21,822	-477	-479	20,801
Perth and Kinross	S12000024	150,680	-2,651	12,286	160,175	-2,902	9,866	157,468	-3,138	7,463	154,826	-3,465	4,044	151,081
Renfrewshire	S12000038	175,930	-1,722	7,271	181,704	-1,962	5,471	179,622	-2,169	3,765	177,693	-2,300	3,255	177,053
Scottish Borders	S12000026	114,530	-2,400	6,040	118,098	-2,509	4,769	116,777	-2,656	3,471	115,344	-2,990	1,452	112,966
Shetland Islands	S12000027	23,200	217	147	23,471	202	-76	23,235	175	-301	22,993	115	-677	22,556
South Ayrshire	S12000028	112,470	-4,981	5,087	112,424	-5,057	4,176	111,472	-5,155	3,255	110,471	-5,172	2,324	109,467
South Lanarkshire	S12000029	317,100	-3,084	13,175	327,482	-3,358	10,676	324,688	-3,641	8,282	321,977	-3,732	9,223	322,871
Stirling	S12000030	93,750	-382	6,666	99,767	-584	5,012	97,958	-782	3,232	96,004	-986	760	93,345
West Dunbartonshire	S12000039	89,860	-1,127	1,253	89,851	-1,196	628	89,206	-1,256	14	88,552	-1,405	-422	87,954
West Lothian	S12000040	180,130	4,279	9,491	194,251	4,035	7,498	191,979	3,792	5,543	189,752	3,297	3,210	186,938
NHS Board areas														
Ayrshire and Arran	S08000015	370,560	-10,186	8,941	369,253	-10,422	6,359	366,512	-10,684	3,752	363,684	-10,651	2,326	362,195
Borders	S08000016	114,530	-2,400	6,040	118,098	-2,509	4,769	116,777	-2,656	3,471	115,344	-2,990	1,452	112,966
Dumfries and Galloway	S08000017	149,520	-6,212	5,468	148,739	-6,324	4,059	147,234	-6,456	2,666	145,718	-6,613	-1,329	141,556
Fife	S08000018	370,330	-1,585	14,085	382,737	-2,168	9,433	377,512	-2,692	4,856	372,419	-2,745	163	367,674
Forth Valley	S08000019	304,480	-428	15,660	319,570	-821	12,316	315,848	-1,236	8,767	311,953	-1,719	4,185	306,900
Grampian	S08000020	588,100	8,476	34,339	631,160	7,289	22,588	618,199	6,077	10,709	605,022	3,755	-3,727	588,266
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	S08000021	1,161,370	7,587	51,304	1,220,252	5,186	31,708	1,198,255	2,824	12,251	1,176,445	-1,263	-11,451	1,148,747
Highland	S08000022	321,900	-6,543	12,187	327,359	-6,982	8,229	322,949	-7,424	4,294	318,586	-8,349	-4,548	308,811
Lanarkshire	S08000023	656,490	-3,745	19,423	672,970	-4,297	14,539	667,499	-4,855	9,575	661,911	-5,029	10,478	662,824
Lothian	S08000024	880,000	21,834	73,044	975,060	19,405	52,345	951,881	16,981	31,819	928,859	13,721	975	894,724
Orkney	S08000025	21,850	-399	808	22,148	-409	617	21,953	-410	480	21,822	-477	-479	20,801
Shetland	S08000026	23,200	217	147	23,471	202	-76	23,235	175	-301	22,993	115	-677	22,556
Tayside	S08000027	415,470	-4,555	21,855	432,450	-5,290	15,558	425,352	-5,985	9,254	418,384	-6,602	3,302	411,688
Western Isles	S08000028	26,900	-1,291	361	25,865	-1,303	121	25,616	-1,320	-94	25,398	-1,362	-670	24,783
Strategic Development Plan areas														
Aberdeen City and Shire	S11000001	488,611	9,570	27,619	526,224	8,498	17,087	514,562	7,426	6,383	502,673	5,411	-5,224	489,077
Clydeplan	S11000004	1,814,853	4,047	70,666	1,890,375	1,099	46,196	1,862,922	-1,819	21,776	1,835,527	-6,070	-904	1,808,871
SESpian	S11000003	1,287,137	19,783	88,024	1,395,201	16,878	63,420	1,367,678	14,012	38,983	1,340,279	10,102	2,885	1,300,233
TAYplan	S11000005	492,309	-6,463	27,068	512,352	-7,412	18,770	503,070	-8,337	10,525	493,975	-8,691	3,128	486,082
National Parks														
Cairngorms National Park	S21000003	19,006	-511	779	19,182	-552	537	18,904	-564	254	18,622	-705	-784	17,449
Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park	S21000002	14,917	-756	-77	13,981	-796	-215	13,802	-809	-358	13,649	-861	-962	13,009

Note

Data for each year of the projection period (2016 to 2026) for each variant by sex and single year of age is available in the 2016-based sub-national population projection section of the National Records of Scotland website under detailed tables.